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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.
COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS**OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY**☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 3/12/04☒ This action is **FINAL**.☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 D.C. 11; 453 O.G. 213.A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).**Disposition of Claims**

- ☒ Claim(s) 2, 5-10 is/are pending in the application.
Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 2, 5-10 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
- ☐ received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of Reference Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 2, 5-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Andrews.

Andrews teaches a composition comprising a polyoxyethylene derivative tackifier at 1-25% (column 8 lines 17-20) and a cellulosic derivative up to 15% (column 8 lines 37-39). As to the former, poly^xamers, including pluronic F 68, F 108, and F 127, are specified (column 5 lines 47-68), the same as disclosed by applicants (Table I, page 18). As to the Latter, ethyl cellulose is specified (column 7 lines 6-10). These agents are dissolved in an organic solvent. (column 6 lines 49-53). Relative to the combination of the two derivative, 25% of the former translates to 62.5% and 15% of the Latter translates to 37.5%, reading on applicants' claimed ranges.

Applicants argue that Andrews teaches away from a combination of ethyl cellulose and the claimed block polymer, citing column 3 lines 46-51 and column 8 line 50 column 9 line 27). However, applicants stipulate that Andrews teaches cellulose is an optional ingredient in the acrylic resin compositions, which contains the block polymer. The table applicants cite concerns only preferred compositions. In fact,

Andrews teaches the remainder of the adhesive is organic solvent (column 8 lines 29-31). Thus, at 75% solvent, 14% acrylic, 1% block polymer and 10% cellulose, upon drying, the dried composition contains 40% cellulose. Applicants may overcome the rejection by limiting their composition to consisting essentially of".

No claims allowed.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edward Webman whose telephone number is (571) 272-0633. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 9 Am 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, S. Padmanabhan can be reached on (571) 272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Webman/LR
July 27, 2004


